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HOW HEARST TREATED THE LEO FRANK CASE

*Wild Stories Run in Atlanta Georgian, Hearst's Paper,
Made Crowds Crazy, Says Kansas City Investigator—One Hearst Editor Died, Another
Took Sick on the Job.*

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A whole lot of good people in Chicago wondered what all there was behind that Leo Frank case down in Atlanta. When crowds of people go crazy and want to hang a man on little or no evidence we sort of feel we're living in a hughouse world and we don't like it.

This story is about things that happened in Atlanta. Yet it has a straight connection with Chicago. What happened in Atlanta can happen in Chicago.

A. B. McDonald, a veteran reporter for the Kansas City Star, has been in Atlanta. His paper told him: "Find out who made Atlanta crazy and how." Macdonald, after digging and digging for facts, after talking with

hundreds of men and women of all classes in Atlanta, has written about ten columns for his paper. All through he points to one man and one man alone as responsible for the wild mob spirit that wanted to see a hanging of Leo Frank. The one man guilty above all, according to Macdonald, is William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the Atlanta Georgian, the one paper that stood out from first to last against Leo Frank. Here's evidence collected by Macdonald:

Hearst's Georgian, new to Atlanta, jumped at the Frank case as a chance to build circulation. Mary Phagan was murdered on a Saturday and the body was found on a Sunday. Hearst's Georgian on Monday ran extra-all day, "fanning the public mind.